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With reference to lotteries, one reads with surprise of Faneuil Hall, Harvard College, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, free schools, Episcopal and Congregational churches as beneficiaries of the golden wheel.

The Leicester Academy lottery is thus advertised: "As the design of this Lottery is for promoting Piety, Virtue, and such of the liberal Arts and Sciences as may qualify the Youth to become useful members of Society, the Managers wish for and expect the Aid of the Gentlemen Trustees of the Academy, the REVEREND CLERGY, and all persons who have a taste for encouraging said Seminary of Learning."

Volume II covers a wide area of subjects, but is equally rich in delightful mementos of last century. This is from the *Post Boy*: "To be given away, a Male Negro Child of good Breed, and in good Health. Inquire of Green and Russell."

Volume III, regarding New England Sunday laws, approaches a subject which the anthropologist just begins to study with his accurate apparatus and just methods. The laws of days are as universal in time and place as the human species. That men in large bodies acted in this way or in that is a fact, and their actions had an efficient and sufficient cause. To trace these to their sources and to study their effects on human weal are of the highest interest to us all. Here are a few laws from the statutes of Massachusetts:

"No one shall be a freeman, or give a vote, unless he be converted, and a member in full Communion of one of the churches allowed in this dominion.

"No one shall travel, cook victuals, make beds, sweep house, cut hair, or shave on the Sabbath day.

"No woman shall kiss her child on the Sabbath, or fasting day.

"No one shall read common prayer books, keep Christmas, or set days, make mince pies, dance, play cards, or play on any instrument of music, except the Drum, Trumpet, or Jewsharp.

"No one shall run on the Sabbath day, or walk in his garden, or elsewhere, except reverently to and from meeting."

The chief advantage of Mr. Brooks' method of treatment is that subjects are considered separately, and it is to be hoped that the author will continue his researches.

CONN'S MODERN EVOLUTION.¹—This work is a timely presentation of the subject of evolution from the standpoint of the naturalist. The author touches but lightly the metaphysical aspect of the question. The contributive facts are taken up successively, and well presented. The various hypotheses are then stated, and their value discussed. This is the first work in which the Amer-

¹ *Evolution of To-day*. By H. W. CONN, professor of biology in the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., 8vo, pp. 342. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 23d street, New York.

ican contributions to the subject are correctly represented, and in which they receive due attention. The author gives every contributor to the subject a fair showing, and avoids expressing his preferences in a positive manner. On the contrary, he does in some instances rather exaggerate the objections to the views which he endeavors ultimately to sustain. The honesty of purpose is unmistakable. We cite, for instance, his doubts as to the reality of the inheritance of acquired characters. A fuller acquaintance with vertebrate palæontology would have enabled Professor Conn to be more certain of this fact.

One of the merits of this work is its suggestiveness. It indicates to the reader the many lines of research which stretch in every direction from the comprehensive standpoint of the author. It cannot fail to stimulate research, especially in America.

The leaning of the author is towards the views of the Neolamarkian school, which have been especially developed in this country since 1867-8.

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